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## Newsletter #10 – June 2025

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had an exciting year at ARE this year and while the year is winding down fast, we still have lots of events happening in the month of June. In addition to several more field trips, we look forward to our Sports Day, organized by Mr. Jinnouchi. We are so thankful for his work for this event, even though he is technically retired!! And of course, we have our grade 7 Leaving Ceremony to celebrate near the end of June.

As always, I am so thankful for the wonderful parent community we have at ARE. We could not do all the things we do without you. A perfect example is the 5Km run held last week. Ms. Elder did a tremendous job of organizing the event. And I can say that we were all very thankful for the parent volunteers who marshalled the course. With your help, we made it a fun and safe run for our Intermediate students.

Volunteering at the 5Km run is just one example of what you do for us. We see you and appreciate your help and support for the hot lunch program, breakfast club, driving to field trips and many more events. A big thank you from us to you 😊.

### ADMINISTRATION CHANGE

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Ms. Crump for her service, albeit short, to our community. I have enjoyed working with her immensely and will be sad to see her leave. However, she will be starting an exciting new adventure in her life as the Principal of Edith McDermott Elementary school in the fall. I was spoiled to have such a skilled VP working with me and wish her the best in her new endeavour.

And while I say goodbye to Ms. Crump, I am excited to have Mr. Rob Sheridan join me as part of our administrative team for next year. Mr. Sheridan is currently the Acting Principal of Albion Elementary. I look forward to working with and learning from him next year. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Sheridan to our school community.

### STAFF LEAVING ARE

We're sad to see the following staff members leave but wish them the best in their future endeavours.

Christina Crump – Vice Principal  
Katie Kadonoff – Teacher  
Arly Beck – EA  
Connor Kaloff – Teacher  
Aman Chand – Teacher  
Mattea Diamond – Teacher

Kaitlyn Hicks - Teacher  
Megan Semeniuk - EA  
Kaila Butler – Teacher  
Noreen Bawani - EA  
Carrie Arnold - EA  
Cassandra Bernard - CCW

## **5KM COLOUR RUN**

Congratulations to the following students:

### **Grade 3/4/5 Girls**

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Gia S.     | 6. Rozalia K.     |
| 2. Tayler T.  | 7. Brooklyn P.    |
| 3. Ariyah P.  | 8. Charlotte P-W. |
| 4. Nya M.     | 9. Alexa J.       |
| 5. Tallula P. | 10. Emma P.       |

### **Grade 3/4/5 Boys**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Austin V.    | 6. Everett W. |
| 2. Spencer H-O. | 7. Dylan B.   |
| 3. Mason M.     | 8. Dylan C.   |
| 4. Bryson Z.    | 9. Nolan J.   |
| 5. Petro V.     | 10. Cohen F.  |

### **Grade 6/7 Girls**

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Kelsey M.    | 6. Chloe C.    |
| 2. Brielle M-W. | 7. Ellie O.    |
| 3. Addy W.      | 8. Michaela K. |
| 4. Hazel O.     | 9. Lennix M.   |
| 5. Alyna V.     | 10. Olivia A.  |
- Grade 6/7

### **Grade 6/7 Boys**

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Elliot H-O. | 6. Ethan L.   |
| 2. Oliver J.   | 7. Chryss M.  |
| 3. Serhii V.   | 8. Nur K.     |
| 4. Thomas F.   | 9. Liam M.    |
| 5. Wiggin D.   | 10. Conner E. |

## **NEXT YEAR'S KINDERGARTEN**

Thank you to all the new kindergarten students who attended our "Ready, Set, Kindergarten" event. Please watch for an email coming home containing important information regarding gradual entry and times for small group sessions in September. We have purchased supplies in bulk for ALL kindergarten students. Payment will be requested in September.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2025-2026**

**Primary students (Kindergarten-Gr 3)** will have their school supplies supplied by the school for a fee. The fee for kindergarten supplies will be \$55.00 and the fee for Grade 1-3 supplies will be \$60.00. Payment will be requested in September.

**Planners** – Many teachers request their students to use a student planner to assist in staying organized. Individual teachers will inform their students of this, and a planner will be provided for a fee. The fee will be \$8.00. Payment will be requested in September.

**Intermediate students (Gr 4 -7)** will need to purchase their own supplies. **You have two options; you can purchase your supplies on your own or you can order online through School Start.**

This information can also be found on our school website and will be included in our September start up information.

### School Start Information (Intermediate supplies)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES MADE EASY - SHIPPED TO SCHOOL in August

School Start is excited to partner with your child's school and will be offering Quality Pre-Packaged School Supplies for the 2025/2026 School Year.

### 3 ways for Parents to Order:

**1.Online:** Parents can visit <https://schoolstart.ca/>

- Select the Parent Web Portal
- Select your Province, then City, then School
- Select your grade/package

**2.Email:** Parents can print and fill out the order form and return via email to [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca)

**3.Phone:** Parents can call customer service at 1-800-580-1868 to place their order over the phone.

### Part A – STARTER PACKAGE

The starter pack generally contains items that your student will need to repurchase every year.

### Part B - REQUIRED BY TEACHER

These are Must Haves as Requested by your Teacher)

Order individually or bring from home if you already have them.

**PAYMENT:** We accept Visa, Mastercard or Cheque (payable to School Start)

**EMAIL QUESTIONS TO:** [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca)

**PLEASE PROVIDE:** Order #, Name, School, Grade and Phone Number to help us serve you better.

**YOU CAN ORDER ANYTIME; however,  
THE EARLIER YOU ORDER  
THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!!!**

ORDER by June 13, 2025:  
✓ **BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$500 GROCERY CARD! x2**



ORDER by July 18, 2025:  
✓ **BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$1,000 CASH! x2**



MISSED the above order dates? **IT'S OKAY! YOU CAN ORDER  
ANYTIME FOR YOUR CHILD'S BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT!**

\*Order by June 13, 2025 and you will be entered into both draws. Two winners per draw.  
Winners will be announced on our School Start Facebook and Instagram pages.

## MAKE A WISH FOLLOW-UP

Mrs. Murphy has now received notice about not only our grand total donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation this year, but also that Alexander Robinson has donated **\$22,288.20** since our first ever donation of \$2,808 in April 2010 😊 Way to go, AR!!

With our **\$1,383.00** raised this year, we are helping to grant wishes such as Christos' (please see below). On Wish Day (April 29th) this year, certain companies were tripling the donations that were submitted. As we were able to submit our donation on Wish Day, this \$1,383.00 turned into **\$4,149.00!!!**

A wish on average costs approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000. Half of this is typically provided through in-kind donations, and the other half is paid for in cash.

Alexander Robinson has done a wonderful act of kindness by granting two full wishes since we began in 2009/2010. Thank-you so very much to everyone who was able to collect even a single dollar in their Make a Wish bank and/or buy a freezie at school this year--we hope to have your continued support as we aim to help grant another child's wish next year!

**\*\*Please remember that the blue star-shaped banks are no longer available to us as the cost to make them has skyrocketed and the Make-a-Wish Foundation can no longer afford to provide the banks. Please keep your child's Make-a-Wish bank, whichever kind of container it is, in a safe place for next year as only new and Kindergarten students will receive one in the fall.**

### **Christos' Wish**

Christos was born with a gastrointestinal disorder and spent a lot of his childhood in surgeries, procedures and medical appointments. Life wasn't easy and the constant treatments took their toll. **On his 13th birthday**, Christos learned that he would have **his wish to host an episode of his favourite game show come true!** When he arrived on set, Christos and his family were treated like VIPs. Onstage, Christos was a natural—even cracking jokes with the contestants when it was his turn to ask questions. After the show, Christos took his bows to a cheering audience and shook hands around the control room. Christos' mom, Marianna, is forever grateful for the **great boost of confidence Christos got from his wish...**it reminds him and his family that there's life outside of all the appointments and procedures.

### **The Science of a Wish**

A child living with critical illness faces life-altering, complex physical and health challenges. A wish can stir the **strength and optimism that are crucial** to fighting physical, emotional and psychological adversity. In fact, the majority of Wish Kids go on to beat their illnesses and live typical, healthy lives.

**Medical professionals agree that the wish experience improves the child's overall quality of life and is a turning point in their treatment.**

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Do you have any overdue library books at home that belong to ARE? All library books were due by **June 9, 2025**. We take great pride in our library and are proud of our collection. With minimal library budgets we cannot afford to lose any books. Sometimes books are missed when circulating. Please check in with the library to set up a time to search shelves if it is believed the book was returned.



### PICK UP MEDICATIONS



Have you sent any medication for your child to school? If so, please PICK UP all medication before the end of the day on June 25th. **ANY MEDICATION WHICH IS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**

### LOST AND FOUND

Please remind your children to check the Lost & Found. Items left in the Lost and Found at end of the school year will be donated or discarded.

### LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS AND REPORT CARDS

The last day of classes is **Wednesday, June 25** with summative progress reports being issued and **dismissal occurring at 12:00 pm** on this day.



### SCHOOL START UP INFO

All elementary schools will be welcoming students for a 12:30pm start on the first day of school. This is the same schedule that we used last year, and it allows schools to have important meetings in the morning before welcoming our students in the afternoon. More precise details will be sent to families when the office reopens at the end of August following the break.

**First day of school – Tuesday, September 2, 2025: Students start at 12:30pm**

### DISTRICT/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **SD42 Student Transportation Registration 2025/2026**

Registration for students eligible for school district transportation for the 2025/2026 school year will be open online until **June 27, 2025, at 4:00 pm**.

Regular student transportation is available for eligible students living and attending school in the following school catchments:

- Blue Mountain Elementary
- Garibaldi Secondary (who are not residing in Silver Valley/ Rockridge area)

- Highland Park Elementary
- Pitt Meadows Secondary
- Webster's Corners Elementary
- Whonnock Elementary

Eligibility for regular student transportation is based on grade level and distance from the catchment area school as outlined below:

- Grades K-3 students living farther than 4 kms from their catchment school
- Grades 4-12 students living farther than 4.8 kms from their catchment school

Eligibility for transportation for students with special needs is based on criteria set out in [Policy 5400](#) on the school district website.

For instructions on how to register for student transportation on the Parent Portal, please see the [2025-2026 Step by Step Guide](#). Additional information about student transportation is available on the school district website: [Student Transportation](#).





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Trades and  
Technology

## TRADES SAMPLER CAMP **EXPLORE, CREATE, LEARN**

Join us for a **fun-filled experience** at KPU's Trade Sampler Camp! Young learners will discover various trades while **developing skills** in hands-on activities. This camp is designed to inspire creativity and **encourage teamwork**. Sign up now and let your child explore their interests while having a blast!







- **Location:** KPU Tech campus, Cloverdale
- **Age Group:** 10 to 14 years old
- **Dates:** June 30 to July 4
- **Times:** 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM daily
- **Trades Explored:** Automotive, Electrical, Plumbing, Millwright/Industrial Mechanic
- **Activities:** Hands-on projects
- **Cost:** \$400 (lunch not included)
- **Registration:**





**The Thunderfest event will feature:**

-  25+ Carnival Game Booths
-  4 Inflatables/Bounce Houses
-  4 Food Trucks (Wings, Kona Ice, Odd Burger, and Mini Doughnuts)
-  ...and so much more!





## ADOPT A PAINTED LADY BUTTERFLY

Bring the beauty of nature to your home or garden while supporting the Alouette River Management Society! When you order Painted Lady Butterflies, a portion of the proceeds goes directly toward our environmental restoration, education, and salmon habitat enhancement projects.

Fill out the form through the QR code to place your order and make a difference today! Thank you for helping us protect and restore the Alouette Watershed.

**Pick-up dates are April–May (limited supplies available—reserve yours early!)**

Questions? Email: [communications@alouetteriver.org](mailto:communications@alouetteriver.org)

Each Butterfly kit is \$30,  
additional \$10 for terrarium



### BUTTERFLY KIT INCLUDES

- 1 Live caterpillar
- Caterpillar food
- Instructions for each life stage





**LET'S DIVE IN!  
LEARN ABOUT OUR  
THREE RECREATION  
INITIATIVES. JOIN AN  
OPEN HOUSE AND  
SHARE YOUR INPUT.  
TAKE OUR SURVEY  
BY MAY 25**



**Help Shape  
Our Future  
Facilities!**



[Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Move-Meet-Play](https://Engage.MapleRidge.ca/Move-Meet-Play)



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## BC ELEMENTARY track&field CHAMPIONSHIPS



**MAY 23-25, 2025**

*MINORU PARK, RICHMOND, BC*



<https://www.kajaks.ca/bcec>

RICHMOND  
**SPORT  
HOSTING**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2  Div. 3 and 5 - Loon Lake Day  Grade 7 Caricatures	3  Grade 7 Caricatures	4  Grade 4/5 Track  Grade 7 Caricatures	5  Grade 6/7 Track	6  Rainbow Day  Div. 18, 19 & 20 - Zoo
9  Kindergarten Intramurals	10  Grade 7 Freezie Sale	11  Grade 1 Intramurals	12  Div. 4 – Park	13  Sports Day  
16  Div. 1, 2 & 4 - Loon Lake	17  Div. 1, 2 & 4 - Loon Lake  Div. 9 Science World	18	19  Div. 3 & 5 Playland Div. 7 0 Wildplay	20  PJ Day  Grade 6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Immunizations
23  Div. 14 & 17 Park Trip  Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony  	24  Div. 1-5 Pioneer Park  Div. 12 & 13 – Whonnock Lake  Kindergarten Foam Party	25  <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>  <b>12:00pm Dismissal</b>	26  	27

\*subject to change\*